RURAL MADEIRA.

"Malmsey," the Celebrated Product of the Island, is Truly a Wine Fit for the Gods-The Way of Its Culture.

-It would never do to leave Madeira without paying some attention to its principal industry, that of wine-making For nearly six centuries the wines of this island have been famous-ever since the introduction of the vine from Cyprus, by the royal house of Braganza. In times long hath trodden the winepress alone?" past they were the favorite beverage in England, for all who could afford the price. Evidently Shakespeare (or Lord Bacon?) was acquainted with them, for he makes Poins say to Faistaff: "Jack how agreest the devil and thee about thy soul, which thou soldest to him on Good Friday last for a cup of Madeira?" Since Falstaff's day, generations of roystering Englishmen have continued to smack their lips and sing songs to "Old Malmsey;" until 60 years or so ago, when the prince regent conceived the idea that malmsey was con-ducive to gout and took to drinking sherry instead. His gout, by the way, did not improve for life-long gluttony went farther back than wine; but all his imitators at hone and Anglo-maniaes abroad immediately followed the fashion of forsaking maimsey. The best physicians, however, have always maintained a contrary opinion: and among these islanders, who naturally drink most of their own beverages, that disease of aristocracy-gout-is un-known. Maderia wine has never been especially popular in the United States, probably because ours is too new a country to be generally well "up" in such matters; and within the last quarter-century, since California wines have come to the front, our im-portation from Madeira has fallen off to less than \$20,000 worth per annum.

In former times the wine industry of this Island yielded an annual average of 30,000 pipes; up to the year 1852, when-without the slightest warning. a blight fell upon fruit and plant, so that in a single season the output of wine declined to less than 100 pipes. That sad state of things continued for 20 years, bringing poverty and dis-tress to the islanders, and the wines were aimost annihilated by the fungus known as oldeum tuckeri. After a while the culture of sugar cane restored a portion of Maderia's lost prosperity, and later a way was found for counter acting the blight and partially resuming the production of wine. This was done by blowing the powder of sul-phur flowers all over the wines and grapes, several time during a season a most tedious process, as may be readily imagined. Still later came the discovery that American vines resis the poisonous fungi; and a great many of them were imported to Maderia, with the best results. But the simple-hearted natives imported other things from America along with the vines, with the disastrous consequences of the "knowl-edge of good and evil" which came into Eden with the eating of forbidden fruit, and Madeira wine is no longer to be depended upon as pure.

The hills of Maderia are culti-

vated from base to summit, some of the finest vineyards and garlens lying 2,000 or even tains, too, are terraced to their very tops, like flights of Titan stairs. launting around the island, you see Misants at work in their poor little patches on the narrow shelves, some-times so far above you that they look like ants on the mountainside, and you marvel at the amount of labor and daily climbing necessary to such small results. So few and scant are the level spaces on this side of the island that even the threshing-floors and terraced listforms, often overhanging dangerous precipices. Up and down these fearful decliveties men and women traval all day bearing and the list of th travel all day, bearing heavy loads on their heads; and always at a walk more rapid, more graceful and apparently more easy than one commonly sees on the level roads of other coun-tries. Perhaps the habit of bearing burdens on the head is responsible for it, together with the free and easy movements that naturally come, never having been hampered by corsets, shoes, or too many clothes. The rural Madeirans are a musical race and the Madeirans are a musical race, always singing as they trot merrily along, often burdens that would stagger a mule, and challenging each other to improvisatation when they meet on the road, or their oxen are treading out wheat. To be sure, the music is rather wheat. To be sure, the music is rather fugubrious and rendered as dolefully as a funeral dirge; but it serves to indicate the cheerful disposition and practical philosophy of the peasants. There is considerable infusion of African blood in their veins, (which may account for the music), because slavery once existed in the legislatory of the state of the surface of once existed in the island and after its abolition the freedmen and peasants intermarried. Their dwellings are thatched cabins of the rudest construction, each having only one room, par-titioned with straw mats. Their lan-guage is an odd patois of the Por-tuguese, subdivided into as many dialects as there are valley parishes. They speak with a shrill, rising inflection and a plaintive, pleading sort of tone, which gives a ludicrously pathetic character even to their jests and ban-On the north side of the island the

lugged heights are too exposed too Atlantic gales for the most successful grape-culture, and the little wine that grape-culture, and the little wine that is made there, being of inferior quality, is changed into so-called brandy, with which the best "Madeira" is now mixed, after the American idea. On the southern side the hills descend to the sea by easier declivities and their sunny slopes are declivities and their sunny slopes are densely covered with vineyards that seem to fairly reel bevineyards that seem to fairly reel be-neath their purple burden. Not only in every bit of soil given up to the vines, which are trained on trellises across all the highways and byways, but earth has been brought from the valleys and vines planted in it on rocky ledges which from below look inacces-sible to any thing but mountain goats. Connoisseurs declare that for richness Connoisseurs declare that for richness of body, deliciousness of flavor and immunity from injury by improper treatment, these upland wines of Madeira are unequalled in the whole wide

Madeira wine of the choicest grade is made from a mixture of white and dark purple grapes; and from a light claret color when fresh from the vintage, it gradually pales to a rich topaz in its cobwebby old age. This kind cost the government not less than \$5 a bettle coan in the playing and in the bottle, even in the vineyard, and in its ripe age is found only in the cellars and on the boards of royalty and million

The center of the grape-growing district is the Estreito district. Vintage time in Madeira, (from the middle of September to the middle of October), is the gayest season of the year. Then the peasants, working all day among the vines, are heard singing and improvising their doggerel poetry. Like New England huskings in the early days, labor is united with festive enjoyment, and though all are busy as bees from dawn till dark, the season is regarded as a holiday. Women and girls go into the vineyards with their great flat backets, pick the grapes and bring them to the press, carefully balanced on their heads. Then every bunch must be "eschalhido"—that is, picked over-the good and indifferent separ-

the commence of the commence o UNCHAL, Madeira, Jan. 7, 1902. | ated and the very best reserved for the costliest wine. Then the fruit is thrown into the so-called press, which is nothing but a wide, clumsy, wooden trough, o which men jump barefooted, (he us hope not unwashed), their trousers rolled above the knee and perspiration trickling down their faces as they tram-ple out the juice. They have ancient precedent for this method of winemakwhich was evidently in vogue

The advantage of pressing out the

DIIDAI MADEIDA flesh gives away before such ob-es. After the first expression has drawn off, the remaining portion is put into a sack, hung up and reduced to lever pressure. The juice is con-veyed to the storchouse in goatskins, which are thought to give an addition-

Is morning, you hear the tuneful strum-ming of the queer little notive suitars. Everybody dances and everybody sings mony, at least with abandon and hearty ing, it is drawn off the lees and put into sweet casks, where it is clarified

which are thought to give an additional flavor, are later emptied into casks. The process of fermentation occupies about five weeks. After the jute has been taken out of the winepress, water is thrown in upon the refuse, and this undergoes the same process as the pure juice, making what is called agon-ps, literally "foot-water," which is certainly not an appetizing name. It is the cheapest of wine, retailed at the ventas to the poorest classes; and, strange to say, its intoxicating properties are far greater than the wines which have more grape-juice in them. Soon as their day's work is done, the peasants have a grand frolic all through ventage time. The weather is so delightful that their dances are held in -usually with gypsum, sometimes with lightful that their dances are held in and to be treated accordingly. Its | pipes a year of telerable wine is pro-

the ribs of death, if such a thing were possible. It diffuses an oder through a com awaeter than attain of roses glass of it after soup confirms the grace said before and predisposes the heart to the fulness of gratitude-to a

The true malmsey is produced no-where but in Madeira, and nowadys not much of it here. The peculiar grape from which it is made is extradorimarily subject to fors and dews, and years may pass without a successful vintage. But the old monks still cultivate it with greatest care, and it is said the royal houses of Europe are familiar with the mysteries of the monastery cellars. Since teries of the monastery cellars. Since the capital of the graperaisers is their vineyards and stored wines, they devote much time and labor to the management of both. Great care is bestowed upon the selection of the cuttings, great nicety in planting and pruning. The soil is always kept clean, properly brigated, and cleared of insects and weeds; and if by such treatment 50 pipes a year of tolerable wine is pro-

soul beneath | duced, the proprietor's fortune is made, h a thing were | Instead of keeping their wines in cob-blor through a webby cellars, the Madeira merchants are of reses. A | store theirs above ground; but the sun is carefully excluded from the "bode gas," or warehouses and they are kept

fathers, and others are better adopted to the weaker modern capacity. They vary in color too, from darkest red to palest amber, and in odor as one flower differs from another. differs from another.

I have not yet seen an intoxicated person in Madeira, and it is said that

there is absolutely no drunkenness

among the natives. The same rule seems to hold good in all wine-producing countries. Neither in Fortugal. France, ner Spain, nor on the Khine, nor in beer guzzling Germany does one see a millionth part of the includely which disgraces the United States of America. In Madeira, where wine is drunk much more commonly than water, a person who once becomes littext cated is looked upon as something worse than a thief. The natives say that necessity may compel one to steal, but nothing save his own described. gas," or warehouses and they are kept coot and sweet. Some of them contain as much as 1,000 pipes of wine, of different vintages and denominations, ranging in price from \$2 a gallon to the largest sum that the most extravagant wine-bidder would care to pay.

Though all the commoner wines of the island are designated abroad by the general name of "Madeira," there is as much difference between them as between champagne and whisky. Some are dry, some full-bodied, some with a fruity taste, some light, others heavy; some would have just suited the accustomed taste of our sturdy grandfathers, and others are better adopted.

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